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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN NEWSPAPER ATTACKS LIBYAN TV REPORT ON SIXTH FLEET ACTIVITIES

1. INDEPENDENT ARABIC LANGUAGE AS- SABAH CARRIES INTRIGUING ITEM APR 25 ATTACKING LIBYAN TV REPORT LINKING SIXTH FLEET VISIT TO TUNIS FOR FLOOD RELIEF AND SIXTH FLEET "PROTECTION" OF LINER QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON WAY TO ISRAEL. AS- SABAH REPORTS THAT LIBYAN TV ON APR 19 CARRIED NEWS BULLETINS CHARGING THAT THREE SHIPS OF SIXTH FLEET, ANCHORED IN LA GOULETTE PORT (PORT OF TUNIS) LEFT ANCHORAGE "IN ORDER PROTECT PASSAGE OF BRITISH LINER QUEEN ELIZABETH II CARRYING IX HUNDRED AMERICAN JEWS TOWARD ISRAEL". AS- SABAH NOTED THAT BULLETING WAS ILLUSTRATED BY MAP OF TUNIS AND LA GOULETTE PORT SHOWING LOCATION OF SIXTH FLEET VESSELS. AS- SABAH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH ORDINARILY MOST SYMPATHETIC AMONG TUNISIAN NEWSPAPERS TOWARD ARAB CAUSE AND TOWARD LIBYA, ATTACKED NEWS ITEM "PRESENTED IN THIS WAY AND WITH A PRECISE INTENTION" WHICH IMPLIED TUNISIAN PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION TO PROTECT BRITISH LINER.

2. AS- SABAH POINTED OUT THAT SIXTH FLEET HAD INDEED BEEN IN LA GOULETTE TO PARTICIPATE IN FLOOD RELIEF " AFTER APPEAL SENT OUT BY GOT TO FRIENDLY NATIONS". AS- SABAH RAPPED KNUCKLES OF LIBYAN JOURNALIST " FOR FORGETTING, OR PRETENDING TO FORGET, THIS SLIGHT DETAIL". SEELYE

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